

REMARKS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Office Action dated 22 September 2005. Responsive to the Office Action, Claim 16 has been amended to clarify the combination of elements that form the invention of the Subject Patent Application and Claims 1 - 5, 7 - 9, 11, 13 - 15, and 19 - 20 have been amended to correct the language thereof. Additionally, Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled by this Amendment.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Specification because the Abstract used legal phraseology. Consequently, the Abstract has been amended to correct the language thereof.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claim 4 due to informalities therein and Claims 1 - 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, due to indefinite language. Accordingly, Claims 1 - 5, 7 - 9, 11, 13 - 16, and 19 - 20 have been amended to correct the informalities indefinite language therein. Thus, it is now believed that the claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as the invention.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Quintile, U.S. Patent No. 5,195,803. However, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claims 1, 11, and 19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and Claims 2-10, 12-15, 17 and 20 would be allowable if

rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 17 therein. Thus, Claim 17 has effectively been placed in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim, Claim 16, and any intervening claims, which there were none. Thus, Claim 16 should now be allowable.

It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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